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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Front-page stories on Monday morning included Sunday's announcement by the Health Ministry that another Japanese was confirmed to be infected with the new H1N1 influenza strain, bringing the total number of cases in Japan to four.

¶2. "Clear Departure Needed from Cold War Mentality"
On a recent U.S.-Russia foreign ministerial in Washington, during which the two ministers reportedly expressed their willingness to start new arms control talks, the liberal Asahi editorialized (5/11): "At the height of the Cold War, confrontation (between the two countries) over regional issues often derailed bilateral nuclear reduction negotiations. What is important at present is to clearly depart from that Cold War mentality and dramatically reduce nuclear arsenals, which were produced in large quantities during the Cold War.... The two countries being overly sensitive to such issues as the number of warheads and missiles or the capabilities of such weapons would stall nuclear negotiations, something that happened repeatedly in the Cold War era. Such folly should be avoided."

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